

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The allowance of Claims 22, 23, 31, 32, 36, 61 and 64 is noted and appreciated.

Claim 66 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated by the Examiner to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 66 has been rewritten as new independent Claim 67 and therefore allowance of this claim is requested.

Reconsideration and allowance are requested of Claim 65 which has been amended to further clarify the structural and functional differences from Bynoe of Applicant's claimed three part fork. Claim 65 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being "obvious" in view of Bynoe. Although Bynoe shows a three part fork, all the parts are *not* slidable into each other. In Bynoe, only the middle part 22 is slidable relative to parts 20 and 24, but part 24 of the fork is permanently fixed to part 20 of the fork through stem 32. This is a significant and patentable difference because Bynoe's design is to allow the auxiliary frame 52 to rise and forcibly strike the main frame 12 to lift the bicycle from the ground and render it airborne. (See Bynoe, column 3, lines 52-64). The purpose in Bynoe is to provide the bicycle with "jumping ability". This is totally contrary to the purpose of Applicant's invention as recited in Claim 65 in which the three connection elements are each slidable into the adjacent element to provide a true telescopic fork allowing relative suspension functions of the front wheel to the frame of the vehicle while maintaining the bike on the ground.

All the other claims pending in the case, including those previously withdrawn as being drawn to nonelected species, have been canceled without prejudice.

Acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority documents are noted.

It therefore is submitted that if Claims 65 and 67 are allowed, this application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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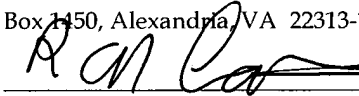
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